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# RAILROAD BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION TAM DA, NORTH VIETNAM 1850N - 10539E

#### 1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE CONTINUING EFFORTS BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO NEGATE THE EFFECTS OF AIR STRIKES AGAINST DRV TRANSPORTATION NETS.

#### 2. COLLATERAL:

THE TAM DA RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE SONG CUA LO

IS LOCATED ON ROUTE 1A, 2.6 NM NORTHEAST OF TAM DA

AND 7.1 NM NORTH OF VINH AIRFIELD. THE BRIDGE WAS A THREE-SPAN THROUGH
TYPE REINFORCED CONCRETE AND STEEL, APPROXIMATELY 450 X 25 FOOT STRUC
TURE. A FERRY CROSSING IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET WEST OF THE

BRIDGE.

#### 3. REMARKS:

STRIKE DATA REPORTS THAT ON  $\phi 9$  APRIL 1965 US NAVY AIRCRAFT STRUCK

THE TAM DA RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE SONG CUA LO, DESTROYING THE NORTHERN AND CENTER SPANS AND SEVERELY DAMAGING THE SOUTHERN

SPAN.

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#### 4. MISSION READOUT:

UE 643A/2, 16 JANUARY 1966, REVEALS THAT THE TAM DA RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE HAS BEEN RECONSTRUCTED AS A RAILROAD BRIDGE AND IS NOW

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OPERATIONAL. THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED FERRY CROSSING JUST WEST OF THE BRIDGE IS NOTED AND A PONTOON BRIDGE IS LOCATED JUST WEST OF THE FERRY ON ROUTE LA BY-PASS. AN OCCUPIED AAA SITE IS OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY OF THE BRIDGE.

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